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In re Application of:

Naoya Hasegawa

Serial No. 09/934,293

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For: Spin Valve Thin Film Magnetic
Element And Method of Manufacturing
The Same

Examiner: David Louis Ometz

Group Art Unit No. 2653

AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

In reply to the Office Action dated September 22, 2003, please amend the above-
identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Drawing begin on page 3 of this paper and corresponding marked up and
clean replacement sheets are attached hereto.

Amendments to the Specifications begin on page 4 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 6 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 10 of this paper.

An appendix including amended drawing figures is attached following page 16 of this paper.